

## County of Lexington

# Board of Zoning Appeals

# PUBLIC HEARING

### **BZA Opening Remarks**

We would like to welcome all of you to this meeting of the Lexington County Board of Zoning Appeals. Before we begin this meeting, I want to inform everyone we are being broadcast live on the Lexington County website and Spectrum Channel 1302. Our meetings are available for viewing any time on the County website.

A sign-in sheet has been provided by staff. Be sure that you have signed in by giving your name and address as a matter of public record.

This Board is what is known as a quasi judicial body which means that these hearings are held in the same general manner as a court of law.

Therefore, those in attendance must refrain from disruptive behavior, such as clapping; anyone who disrupts the proceedings will be asked to leave. There shall be no standing head counts of proponents or opponents and no show of hands will be allowed to indicate approval or disapproval of the request.

The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain facts and comments from proponents and opponents regarding subject matter specific and pertinent to the request. Since the meeting is being recorded for the purpose of Minutes, each speaker is to come to the microphone at the podium and provide his or her name and mailing address, including street, city, state, and zip code. Each speaker is encouraged to keep their comments concise and to the point and is limited to 3 minutes.

After everyone who wishes to speak has been heard, the opportunity for additional comments or rebuttal will be considered as time may allow.

We will dispense with the approval of the Minutes and other business until after the requests have been heard. At this time, staff will present our request of the evening.

## Zoning Variance #12-22

- ➤ Applicant: Albert Bueno
- > Property Owner: Timberlake Country Club, Inc.
- ➤ Location: Five (5) proposed parcels/lots along Wateroak Trail
- > TMS# 001525-01-002
- ➤ Northern Lexington County Planning area 1987-Location is part of the Lake Murray Overlay District.
- Council District 6 represented by "Charli" Wessinger
- \*The total lot acreage for these 5 lots is 1.47 acres. The minimum acreage to have 5 lots subdivided to meet the 2 dwelling units per exact acre is 2.5 acres. The proposed units per exact acre is approximately 2.94 units per exact acre.



#### ARTICLE 13 – LAKE MURRAY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

#### Chapter 1. General Provisions

#### 131.00 Purpose

The Lake Murray area of Lexington County is commonly referred to the "Jewel of the Midlands" and has attracted significant growth within the surrounding areas of the lake. The purpose of this Article is to ensure proper, sustainable, and functional growth, specifically to address the various concerns regarding increased residential growth encroaching upon the shores of Lake Murray and the stress the growth has placed on maintaining the rural characteristics and natural beauty of the lake area. In order to help maintain the aesthetics of Lake Murray, as well and protect the natural resources and environment surrounding the lake, higher density residential developments are discouraged within the overlay zone created through this Article. Such controls administered within the overlay zone serve to reduce the density for new residential land uses, administer more stringent means for calculating allowed residential density, promote open space preservation, and reduced land clearing.

#### 131.10 Application of the Lake Murray Residential District Overlay Zone

Residential development controls that are associated with the overlay zone created by this Article shall only apply to the unincorporated areas of the County that have been included within a specifically designated Lake Murray Residential District overlay zone. A map shall be published as a part of this Article to reflect the designated overlay zones and it may be revised following the same procedures contained in this Ordinance for zoning text and map amendments. In the event there is a conflict with provisions of the Lake Murray Residential District overlay zone with underlying zoning districts and/or street classifications, the more restrictive provisions shall apply.

#### 132.20 Scope of Regulations

The density regulations set forth in the Article apply only to new residential detached, residential attached - duplex, residential attached - townhouse, and mobile home land use activities proposed following the enactment of these regulations. Residential Detached (Limited) land uses shall follow the development guidelines and regulations as covered within Article 12 of this Ordinance.

#### 132.21 Calculation of Maximum Residential Density

Density is to be measured as the total area of land within the property boundaries, including those which are permanently under water or subject to inundation, or which are contained in an easement, proposed roads, area dedicated for stormwater management, open space, amenity areas, or other similar grant of use. However, density calculations shall not include rights-of-way for existing road (reference Section 22.30 of this Ordinance).

#### 132.22 Maximum Permitted Residential Density

The maximum allowed density limits for residential detached, residential attached - duplex, residential attached - townhouse, and mobile home land use activities shall be in accordance with the following street classifications. In the event an underlying zoning district or street classification has a lesser residential density allowance, the more restrictive shall apply.

STREET CLASSIFICATION	DENSITY (dwelling units per exact acre)
Arterial (A)	4
Collector (C)	3
Local (L)	2
Residential Local Six (RL6)	2
Residential Local Five (RL5)	2
Residential Local Four (RL4)	2
Residential Local Two (RL2)	I
Residential Local One (RL1)	1
Boulevard (B)	4



The only golf course on Lake Murray - Come play at the lake!

June 20, 2022

Lexington County Board of Zoning Appeals

Dear Board of Zoning Appeals,

I write this letter to appeal to the board to grant our appeal on lots Timberlake Country Club is selling which are attached to the golf course but part of the HOA's in Timberlake.

#### STANDARDS FOR VARIANCES

The Board may grant a variance if it makes the following finding (all inclusive):

- a. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property; The land was purchased in 1987 when the course was built. All homes on the golf course on all 18 holes are of equal size.
- b. These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity; All the lots borders residential lots that are almost identical in size.



- c. Because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; The new regulations of one home per half acre would make the lots unsalable since all the surrounding lots are under the old regulations of four homes per acre.
- d. The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance. The lots would be nearly identical in size to all the other developed lots on the golf course.

We believe these lots will have zero negative impact for the neighborhood and adjoining homes. We are asking that these lots be grandfathered in and approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please let me know if any further information is required.

Regards,

Albert S. Bueno President Timberlake Country Club





































